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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

REF: KATHMANDU 4483; STATE 237804

1. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, GON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KHADAYAT HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED NEPAL'S PARTICIPATION IN WFC. MINISTER KHADAYAT SAID HE BELIEVED IT NECESSARY THAT ASSISTANCE FROM ADVANCED OR COMPARATIVELY RICH COUNTRIES BE INCREASED FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT FOODGRAIN DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY. GON DELEGATION INTENDS STRESS NEED FOR MAKING PROVISIONS FOR A FERTILIZER POOL ON TOP OF OTHER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOOSTING FERTILIZER PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. KHADAYAT SAID DELEGATION WOULD DRAW ATTENTION OF CONFERENCE TO NEED FOR MAKING AVAILABLE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO NEPAL FOR HARNESSING VAST HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS IN NEPAL. NEPAL ALSO INTENDS PUT FORTH ITS VIEWPOINTS IN CONFERENCE ON NEED TO INCREASE FERTILIZER AID AND TO INVEST FUNDS ACCUMULATED FROM SALES OF FERTILIZERS

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TO INCREASE NATIONAL FOOD RESERVES.

2. OTHER ISSUES TO BE RAISED BY NEPAL IN WFC INCLUDE
QUESTION OF ACCORDING TOP PRIORITY TO AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT
OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
AND THE NEED FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR PRODUCTS OF LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE,
MFA OFFICIALS SAID THAT GON IN PRINCIPAL WAS OPPOSED TO CREATION
OF NEW BODIES TO HANDLE MATTERS FOR WHICH CAPABILITIES ALREADY
EXISTED IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE ADDED THAT GON
WAS ALSO RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT CREATION OF NEW FUNDS UNLESS IT
COULD BE PROVEN FUNDS WOULD BE OF REAL BENEFIT TO LESSER
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
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